## HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER

For official policy guidance, refer to AFI 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel

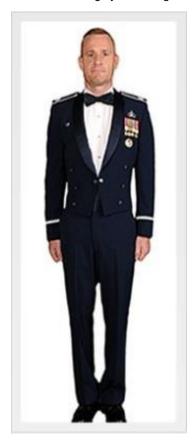
# MALE FORMAL UNIFORMS

#### **OFFICER MESS DRESS**

Name tag and headgear is not worn. Saluting is not required when outdoors.

Center all miniature medals between lapel and arm seam and midway between top shoulder seam and top button of jacket. Officers place shoulder board insignia as close as possible to shoulder seam.

OCCUPATIONAL BADGES (reflect Air Force specialty; e.g. Logistics, Maintenance, Civil Engineer, Public Affairs): Members are highly encouraged to wear their current occupational badge.



Wear only midsize or regular size occupational badges, do not mix occupational badge sizes

Center Chaplain, Aeronautical, Space and other occupational badges 1/2 inch above medals midway between shoulder and top button on wearer's left side

NOTE: No more than two occupational badges are authorized for wear in this position

DUTY OR MISCELLANEOUS BADGES (duty badges reflect position of assignment; e.g. HAF, Joint Staff, Recruiting Service, European Command Badge): Center duty or miscellaneous badge 1/2 inch below bottom row of medals or comparable position when no medals are authorized

Center a second duty or miscellaneous badge on the wearer's right side in the same relative position as the duty or miscellaneous badge worn on the left

Only miniature size duty or miscellaneous badges will be worn on Mess Dress uniform

Missile badge is centered 1/2 inch below bottom row of medals on wearer's left

Excellence-In-Competition badge is worn centered 1/2 inch below medals on wearer's left

COMMAND INSIGNIA: The commander's insignia is worn on the wearer's right side. Current commanders wear insignia centered, adjacent to top of miniature medals. The Air Force Command Insignia is mandatory.

Mandatory: White formal long sleeve shirt

Mandatory: Blue satin bow tie

Mandatory: Matching cuff links and studs as a set. Wear either silver wing and star design, satin finish with Air Force symbol or plain silver highly polished cuff links

Mandatory: Blue satin cummerbund with pleats up, around waist, halfway between pants and shirt

The total number of badges worn will not exceed four. The commander's insignia does not count as one of the four badges. Chaplain, aeronautical, space, cyberspace and missile operations badges are mandatory, others are optional. If member is a graduated commander, lower insignia on the wearer's right side, adjacent to bottom row of medals, between the top shoulder seam and top button of the coat and midway between the lapel and arm seam.

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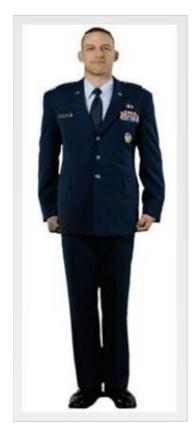
### OFFICER SERVICE DRESS

Center silver metallic name tag on wearer's right side, between the sleeve seam and the lapel. Bottom of name tag will be parallel with bottom of ribbons.

Ribbons are mandatory. All ribbons and devices must be worn. Center ribbons resting on (but not over) edge of welt pocket between the left and right edges.

Officers: Place U.S. insignia (without circles) halfway up the lapel seam, resting on but not over it. Bottom of insignia is horizontal with the ground. Circles will not be worn around the U.S. insignias

OCCUPATIONAL BADGES (reflect Air Force specialty; e.g. Logistics, Maintenance, Civil Engineer, Public Affairs): Members are highly encouraged to wear their current occupational badge



Wear only midsize or regular size occupational badges, do not mix occupational badge sizes

Officers will center regular size rank insignia  $\frac{5}{6}$  inch from end of the epaulet. The total number of badges worn will not exceed four. The commander's insignia does not count as one of the four badges.

Chaplain, aeronautical, space, cyberspace and missile operations badges are mandatory, others are optional.

The Men's Service Cap (Wheel Cap) is mandatory for Majors and above to maintain and optional for all others for wear.

Center Chaplain, Aeronautical, Space and other occupational badges 1/2 inch above medals midway between shoulder and top button on wearer's left side

Center additional occupational badge 1/2 inch above the first occupational badge

NOTE: No more than two occupational badges are authorized for wear in this position

DUTY OR MISCELLANEOUS BADGES (duty badges reflect position of assignment; e.g. HAF, Joint Staff, Recruiting Service, European Command Badge): Center duty or miscellaneous badge 1/2 inch below bottom row of medals or comparable position when no medals are authorized

Center a second duty or miscellaneous badge on the wearer's right side in the same relative position as the duty or miscellaneous badge worn on the left

Only regular (large) size duty or miscellaneous badges will be worn on Service Dress uniform

Missile badge is centered 1/2 inch below bottom row of medals on wearer's left

Excellence-In-Competition badge is worn centered 1/2 inch below medals on wearer's left

COMMAND INSIGNIA: The commander's insignia is worn on the wearer's right side. Current commanders wear insignia centered, 1/2 inch above the name tag. Graduated commanders wear insignia centered, 1/2 inch below the name tag. The Air Force Command Insignia is mandatory.

Generals wear 1 inch stars on all uniforms. 3/4 inch stars are optional if unable to wear the 1 inch star (a connecting bar is not authorized)

Necktie is mandatory. Tie tack or tie clasp (Air Force symbol, grade insignia or wing and star) is optional. If worn, center between bottom edge of knot and bottom tip of tie

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#### **ENLISTED MESS DRESS**

Name tag and headgear is not worn

Saluting is not required when outdoors

Center all miniature medals between lapel and arm seam and midway between top shoulder seam and top button of jacket

Center 4 inch sleeve chevrons halfway between shoulder seam and elbow bent at 90-degree angle

OCCUPATIONAL BADGES (reflect Air Force specialty; e.g. Logistics, Maintenance, Civil Engineer, Public Affairs): Members are highly encouraged to wear their current occupational badge

The total number of badges worn will not exceed four. The commander's insignia does not count as one of the four

badges.



Chaplain, aeronautical, space, cyberspace and missile operations badges are mandatory, others are optional.

Wear only midsize or regular size occupational badges, do not mix occupational badge sizes

Center Chaplain, Aeronautical, Space and other occupational badges 1/2 inch above medals midway between shoulder and top button on wearer's left side

NOTE: No more than two occupational badges are authorized for wear in this position

DUTY OR MISCELLANEOUS BADGES (duty badges reflect position of assignment; e.g. HAF, Joint Staff, Recruiting Service, European Command Badge): Center duty or miscellaneous badge 1/2 inch below bottom row of medals or comparable position when no medals are authorized

Center a second duty or miscellaneous badge on the wearer's right side in the same relative position as the duty or miscellaneous badge worn on the left

Only miniature size duty or miscellaneous badges will be worn on Mess Dress uniform

Missile badge is centered 1/2 inch below bottom row of medals on wearer's left

Excellence-In-Competition badge is worn centered 1/2 inch below medals on wearer's left

Mandatory: White formal long sleeve shirt

Mandatory: Blue satin bow tie

Mandatory: Matching cuff links and studs as a set. Wear either silver wing and star design, satin finish with Air Force symbol or plain silver highly polished cuff links

Mandatory: Blue satin cummerbund with pleats up, around waist, halfway between pants and shirt

### **ENLISTED SERVICE DRESS**

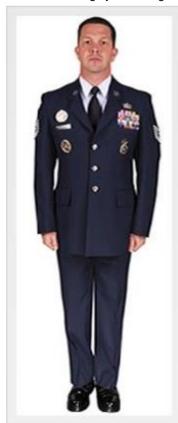
Center silver metallic name tag on wearer's right side, between the sleeve seam and the lapel. Bottom of name tag will be parallel with bottom of ribbons

Ribbons are mandatory. All ribbons and devices must be worn

Center ribbons resting on (but not over) edge of welt pocket between the left and right edges

Place U.S. insignia (with circles) halfway up the lapel seam, resting on but not over it. Bottom of insignia is horizontal with the ground.

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The Men's Service Cap (Wheel Cap) is mandatory for Majors and above to maintain and optional for all others for wear.

Wear only midsize or regular size occupational badges, do not mix occupational badge sizes

Center Chaplain, Aeronautical, Space and other occupational badges 1/2 inch above medals midway between shoulder and top button on wearer's left side

Center additional occupational badge 1/2 inch above the first occupational badge NOTE: No more than two occupational badges are authorized for wear in this position

DUTY OR MISCELLANEOUS BADGES (duty badges reflect position of assignment; e.g. HAF, Joint Staff, Recruiting Service, European Command Badge): Center duty or miscellaneous badge 1 1/2 inch below top of welt pocket, and/or on the wearer's right side, centered between arm seam and lapel, with top edge of badge parallel to top of welt pocket

Center a second duty or miscellaneous badge on the wearer's right side in the same relative position as the duty or miscellaneous badge worn on the left

Only regular (large) size duty or miscellaneous badges will be worn on Service Dress uniform

Missile badge is centered 1 1/2 inch below bottom row of medals on wearer's left

Excellence-In-Competition badge is worn centered on the welt pocket

Center 4 inch sleeve chevron halfway between shoulder seam and elbow bent at 90-degree angle

Necktie is mandatory. Tie tack or tie clasp (Air Force symbol, grade insignia or wing and star) is optional. If worn, center between bottom edge of knot and bottom tip of tie

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## **ENLISTED SEMI-FORMAL DRESS**

Name tag and headgear is not worn

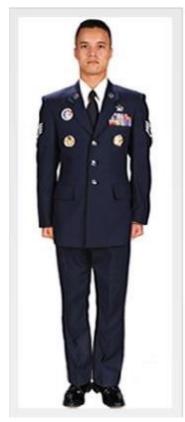
Saluting is not required when outdoors

Ribbons are mandatory. All ribbons and devices must be worn

Center ribbons resting on (but not over) edge of welt pocket between the left and right edges

Place U.S. insignia (with circles) halfway up the lapel seam, resting on but not over it. Bottom of insignia is horizontal with the ground.

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The total number of badges worn will not exceed four. The commander's insignia does not count as one of the four badges.

Chaplain, aeronautical, space, cyberspace and missile operations badges are mandatory, others are optional.

Wear only midsize or regular size occupational badges, do not mix occupational badge sizes

Center Chaplain, Aeronautical, Space and other occupational badges 1/2 inch above medals midway between shoulder and top button on wearer's left side

Center additional occupational badge 1/2 inch above the first occupational badge NOTE: No more than two occupational badges are authorized for wear in this position

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Center a second duty or miscellaneous badge on the wearer's right side in the same relative position as the duty or miscellaneous badge worn on the left

Only regular (large) size duty or miscellaneous badges will be worn on Semiformal Dress uniform

Missile badge is centered 1 1/2 inch below bottom row of medals on wearer's left

Excellence-In-Competition badge is worn centered 1/2 inch below medals on

wearer's left

Center 4 inch sleeve chevron halfway between shoulder seam and elbow bent at 90-degree angle

Necktie is mandatory. Tie tack or tie clasp (Air Force symbol, grade insignia or wing and star) is optional. If worn, center between bottom edge of knot and bottom tip of tie

Mandatory: White formal long sleeve shirt

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